REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims:

In the Office Action mailed August 12, 2005, claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, and 11-19 are rejected. Claims 1, 5, and 11-19 are amended herein and new claim 20 is added. No new matter is presented. Thus, claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 11-20 are pending and under consideration in the present application. The rejections are traversed below.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 11-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of the following: U.S. Patent No. 6,278,885 (Hubbe), U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2001/0053688 (Rignell) and U.S. Patent No. 6,484,026 (Hägebarth).

Hubbe updates data of subscriber identification card by sending short mobile phone messages to a mobile phone and subsequently transfers data to the mobile phone's memory. In Hubbe, SMS messages are transmitted to a subscriber identification card (i.e., SIM card) to be used to execute commands contained in the SMS message and leads to elimination of the data corresponding to these commands from the SMS message containing (see, col. 3, line 65 through col. 4, line 7). That is, Hubbe is limited to recovering message data still present in a subscriber identification card to correspond to what is displayed to the user display with the last update done (see, col. 4, lines 47-61).

Rignell is directed to providing support to a mobile communications unit in response to a support request based on a user action (see, paragraph 29).

Hägebarth discusses sending a short message service (SMS) message or electronic mail (e-mail) inform a customer subsequent to clearing a mobile telephone subscribe-identify module (SIM) card for a set performance parameter or for changing a performance parameter for which the SIM card is cleared (see, col. 3, lines 35-40 and col. 5, lines 4-9).

In contrast, the present invention configures a portable terminal using a single setting changing mail and changes contents of a built-in memory together with contents of a storage medium of the portable terminal based on the same setting changing mail. This, for example, enables a user to change or update contents of the built-in memory and the storage medium of

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the portable terminal with a single message, thereby allowing the user to conveniently set up the portable terminal without having to individually change contents therein.

Independent claims 1, 11, 12 and 14-18 recite, "a single setting changing mail" to configure the portable terminal to execute a different function and to change or update "contents of the built-in memory together with contents of the storage medium a time" ("storage unit" in claims 15 and 16 and "internal and external memory" in claim 17).

Independent claims 5 and 13 recite that the present invention includes updating contents of both of the built-in memory and the storage medium "collectively" based on "a corresponding receipt of the single setting changing mail via said built-in memory and via said storage medium."

The cited references, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the above-discussed features of independent claims 1, 5 and 11-19.

It is submitted that the independent claims 1, 5 and 11-19 are patentable over each of the cited references.

For at least the above-mentioned reasons, claims depending from the independent claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited references. The dependent claims are also independently patentable. For example, as recited in claim 3, "the sending of the setting changing mail includes, upon acceptance of the request related to the change of setting in said portable terminal, generating the setting changing mail containing a computer program suitable to the received request." The cited references, alone or in combination, do not teach of suggest these features of claim 3.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claim:

New claim 20 is added to provide additional claim coverage. Claim 20 relates to a method comprising "causing corresponding contents of a built-in memory and a storage medium to be substantially simultaneously modified to effect a change to a setting of a first function in response to an electronic mail transmitted to the portable terminal; and causing the portable terminal to operate a second function in accordance with the change to the setting of the first function in accordance with the electronic mail." None of the cited prior art references teach or suggest the features recited in claim 20. Therefore, it is submitted that new claim 20 patentably distinguishes over the cited prior art.

Conclusion:

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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